

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto is one replacement sheet of drawing changes. More specifically, the label to the final bank of memory has been changed from "BANK 2" to "BANK 3" in FIG. 2 to correct an obvious typographical error. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request that the proposed drawing changes be approved.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-13 were pending prior to the Office Action. Claim 3 has been canceled and claims 14-22 have been added through this reply. Therefore, claims 1-2 and 4-22 are pending. Claims 1 and 14 are independent.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants appreciate that claims 3-10 as originally presented are indicated to be allowable. *See Office Action, item 10.*

§ 112, 2ND PARAGRAPH REJECTION

Claims 1-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. *See Office Action, items 2-5.* Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the feature of dependent claim 3, which the Examiner indicated to be allowable. Thus, amended independent claim 1 overcomes the § 112, second paragraph, rejection and is allowable. Applicant respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-13 be withdrawn.

§ 102 REJECTION – YOSHIOKA

Claims 1-2 and 11-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Yoshioka et al. (U.S. Patent 6,075,899). *See Office Action, items 6-9.*

As noted above, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the feature of claim 3, which the Examiner indicated to include allowable subject matter, to expedite prosecution without acquiescing to any of the Examiner's allegations made in rejecting these claims. Therefore, the amended independent claim 1 is distinguishable from Yoshioka et al. Claims 2 and 11-13 depend from independent claim 1 directly or indirectly. Therefore, these claims are also distinguishable over Yoshioka et al. for at least the reasons stated with respect to independent claim 1.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-2 and 11-13 based on Yoshioka et al. be withdrawn.

NEW CLAIMS

Claims 14-22 have been added through this reply. All new claims are believed to be distinguishable over the cited art of record. Applicants respectfully request that the new claims be allowed.

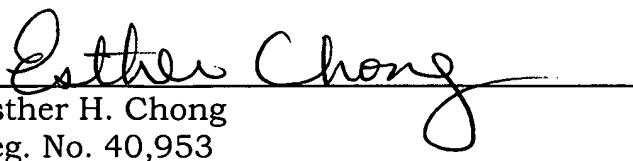
CONCLUSION


All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Hyung Sohn (Reg. No. 44,346), to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: One Replacement Sheet of Drawings (FIG. 2)